

## CORPORATION TAX IS CALLED A "JOB"

Insurgents Accept Chance to  
Raise a Howl.

### DEMOCRATS JOIN IN FIGHT

Champ Clark and Others Criticize  
Statement of Tawney that Request  
for \$50,000 to Make Returns Pub-  
lic Must Wait Deficiency Measure  
Late in the Session.

"The Republicans are in an awful fix about this business," said Champ Clark, the Democratic floor leader, when somebody asked him yesterday what he thought of the Secretary of the Treasury's request for \$50,000 so that the returns under the corporation tax law might be made public, and the statement by Chairman Tawney, of the House Appropriations Committee, that "this matter must take its regular course."

This "regular course," as Mr. Tawney explained, means that the item will not be handled by the Appropriations Committee until the general deficiency bill is taken up for consideration. As this is the last measure handled every session, the chances of the Secretary of the Treasury getting the \$50,000 asked for at an early date do not look particularly bright.

Some of the House insurgents insist that if the Appropriations Committee chairman really thought the administration favored an appropriation of \$50,000 so that the returns from corporations might become public property, or if he had even received the faintest intimation to this effect, he would see to it that a special bill was reported from his committee, carrying the amount in question. This is done every time there is an emergency, it is pointed out, and there is no earthly reason why it couldn't be done right now, according to the Democrats and their near-friends and late allies, the Republican insurgents.

### Legislators Are Troubled.

Mr. Tawney and his Republican colleagues on the Appropriations Committee were not at all disturbed by the statement. "Why," said Mr. Tawney yesterday, "this matter will be handled in the regular order. The only appropriation bill to which this item can be logically tacked is the general deficiency measure, and the committee has not taken that up as yet. When that bill is considered we will have a hearing or two on this item and go about things in the regular way."

Acting Secretary of the Treasury Nor- ton has transmitted to Speaker Cannon an estimate by Internal Revenue Commissioner Cabell of \$50,000 to be made immediately available for use in the District of Columbia for carrying into effect the publicity clause of the act so the returns made under this act may be thrown open to general inspection.

### Cabell Makes Regulations.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Cabell yesterday made public the regulations that will govern the returns under the corporation tax law until Congress shall have acted in appropriating the \$50,000 that President Taft says is needed to make the publicity clause of the act effective. Copies of the regulations have been sent to all internal revenue collectors and their agents. The regulations provide that only the taxpayer itself, its lawyer, or such persons as are designated by the President or the Secretary of the Treasury, may have access to the returns.

"Any person other than the taxpayer making the return," the regulations state, "or his duly appointed agent or attorney who desires to see such return shall make written application to the Secretary of the Treasury, who in his discretion will, upon a proper showing of cause, approve such request. All requests so approved should then be presented to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who will thereupon permit the return in question to be seen by the applicant upon such conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury shall have imposed."

A bill to postpone the operation of the corporation tax law from the fiscal year 1909 to the calendar year 1911 was introduced in the House yesterday by Representative

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## YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

(February 17, 1910.)

### SENATE.

The Senate convened at noon. Diplomatic bill passed. Reclamation bill debated. Senator Davis and Owen in personal colloquy. Senator Ekins displaced at appointment of Senator Lodge to chairmanship of Food Committee. Night conference at White House on postal savings bank bill. Attempts to form cotton mill combination told of at hearing.

### HOUSE.

The House convened at noon. Several District bills passed, one providing for highway to Giesboro Point. Bill introduced for clerical corps for war ships. Insurgents and Democrats call corporation tax situation a "frame-up." Democrats warn that they will oppose Peary honors. Secretary Meyer wins permission to try reorganization plan for a year from committee. Railroad bill reintroduced.

Representative Bradley, of New York, who thinks he has found the solution of the present tangle over this matter. The bill postpones the making of returns from next March to next September, the time of making assessments from June to December 1, and specifies that the payment of the tax shall be made by December 31.

If passed, this bill would simply put off the operation of the corporation tax law, including its publicity feature, until the dates specified, which would permit of the appropriation of \$50,000 being made in the regular way in the general deficiency bill.

## CLERICAL CORPS FOR NAVY

Bill in House Provides for Needed  
Writers for War Ships.

A Modern Battle Ship Similar to  
Banking House in Administrative  
Method and Detail.

Representative Bates, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill yesterday to provide for a clerical corps for the navy. The bill, which was referred to the Naval Affairs Committee, if passed, will relieve a situation which has been the source of much difficulty at times to naval officers. The modern battle ship, in common with other war vessels, is as carefully administered as the modern banking-house, and is just as much in need of clerks. Hundreds of reports, orders, tabulations, and letters are written every day on the larger modern war ships, and naval officers are not always able to find among the enlisted men on the ships material out of which good clerks can be made. Clerks are as much in demand on modern ships as gunners and seamen.

Representative Bates' bill provides for a corps consisting of clerks, classified as yeomen of the first, second, and third class, corresponding to the enlisted grades of chief petty officer and petty officers of the first, second, and third class. Assistant clerks will rank as chief petty officers, and chief clerks will have the same rank as chief boatswains. Promotions will be made to the rank of chief clerk from a number of assistant clerks, to be appointed by the President. Vacancies among the corps of assistant clerks, after the corps is established, will be filled from the yeomen of the corps of the navy. No specific number of appointments to be made by the President is mentioned in the bill. The clerical corps is to be established, under the bill, in the navy and the ships of the Fish Commission and the Coast Survey.

## COTTON MILL MEN FEARED

New York Brokers Tell Committee  
of Attempts at Combination.

Both Sides Close and Grain Men  
Will Be Heard by the Com-  
mittee To-day.

Former President Hubbard and L. Mandelbaum, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, were heard yesterday by the House Committee on Agriculture in opposition to the legislation by which it is proposed to prohibit dealings in cotton futures.

"Why," said Mr. Mandelbaum, during the course of his testimony, "you have all heard of reports of a cotton duopoly. Do you know that during the last five years three attempts have been made to combine all the Southern cotton mills, and to-day this very attempt is going on, which, if successful, would leave the producer at the mercy of the spinner?"

Representative Burleson's reference to hedging on the exchange, Mr. Mandelbaum said, suggested that he "either did not understand the question or did not want to understand it."

The witness described himself as a member of the board of managers of the exchange, chairman of the committee on statistics and information, and a member of several other committees. After he had drawn a long breath, following the enunciation of his various titles, he declared that the exchange business was a legal one that had stood the fire of the Supreme Court of the United States, said the Burleson bill before the committee contemplates no difference in how much a man buys, so long as he sells nothing, and the Scott bill be described as merely a little better and broader.

Speaking in favor of the Scott bill for the prohibition of dealings in cotton futures which is now before the committee, Representative Burleson referred to various species of these transactions on the exchange in connection with "pest houses" and the Louisiana State Lottery, which, he suggested, have resulted in "suicides, defalcations, bankruptcies, and betrayal of trust." New York has ceased to be a "spot" market, he declared.

"Where on God's earth is there a 'spot' market, then?" asked Representative Cocks, of New York.

"In the South," declared Mr. Burleson, who went on to say that the producers and the spinners were united in the demands that the power of the exchange be limited. The cotton exchange, he declared, had not performed its function of bringing the producers and the spinners together.

"The consumption of cotton," he said, "will continue, even if the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges are abolished, and bread riots will follow in Manchester if the spindles there are stopped." Both sides on the question closed yesterday. To-day delegates from the grain markets of Chicago, Philadelphia, Duluth, and Minneapolis will oppose the pending bills to prohibit dealing in futures.

## PASS DISTRICT BILLS

Representatives Vote for a  
Road to Giesboro Point.

### MEASURE INCLUDES PARKWAY

Improvement for Anacostia River  
Front—Sixteenth Street Not to Be  
Widened at Piney Branch—Colum-  
bia Road Extension Goes Through  
as Do a Number of Other Acts.

Chairman Smith, of the House District Committee, had an opportunity yesterday to get passed a few District measures, and availed himself of it. Although, it had been agreed after two postponements of "District day," that Washington affairs were to occupy as much time yesterday as the rivers and harbors bill did on Tuesday, which was five hours, only three hours were consumed when the Indian bill was called up. Consequently, little of importance was done.

Much of the time given to District affairs was consumed in a purely technical wrangle over the legal aspect of the bill to authorize the opening of a road along the Anacostia River, and there was a large cloud of explanation and quotations of laws before the measure was allowed to pass. This was done with an amendment which provides that the land to be condemned shall be for a public highway "and park purpose." Under the language of the bill as amended it will not be possible to erect buildings on the ground between the proposed highway and the river, nor will it be possible to build wharves or docks along the water front. The amendment stipulates that the purpose of the bill is to create a highway and parkway, and the latter feature will, doubtless, meet with the approval of most Washingtonians.

### Route of the Highway.

The land to be condemned is along the Anacostia River, and bounded by the river from Monroe street extended to the outfall sewer at Poplar Point, and from the southwest corner of the grounds of the Government Hospital for the Insane along the river to Giesboro Point, near the western terminus of Memphis street. The benefits to be assessed under the bill are estimated at \$4,000, and the total cost of making the highway is estimated to cost about \$8,000. No provision was made in the amendment for the expense of creating a parkway, this, apparently, having been overlooked.

A bill to permit the extension of the underground system of the city and Suburban Railway Company on North Capitol street was also passed. Under the measure, the railway company is authorized to install its underground electric system on that part of its suburban route on North Capitol street between the present terminus of its underground system thereon, near T street, and a point to be approved by the Commissioners north of and within 300 feet of the north building line of V street. The work is to be completed within six months, under penalty. As at first drawn, the bill provided that the line should be built to within 100 feet of V street. This was amended yesterday to read within 300 feet.

### Payment Provision Left Out.

A debate was precipitated over the bill providing for the extension of Massachusetts avenue northwest. It was found that the bill was drawn without provision that owners of the lots adjacent to land east of Hamilton Circle, lying between the south line of Massachusetts avenue northwest, as dedicated, and the south line of the avenue, as established by the District's present official plot, should pay for the ground which the bill provided should revert to them. Under the bill, the Commissioners were authorized to abandon this ground, and it was provided that the ground should revert to the owners of the adjacent lots, numbered 1 to 8, inclusive, in square 1315. Representative Stafford tried to have an amendment inserted that these property owners should "pay a reasonable price therefor," but the House was restive under the debate, and Representative Madden moved to strike out the whole section about the District abandoning the ground east of Hamilton Circle, and this was done and the bill passed. The bill now provides that Massachusetts avenue shall be extended and widened from Wisconsin avenue to the District line with a width of 160 feet.

The bill to widen Sixteenth street northwest at Piney Branch was defeated. Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, spoke against the bill and referred to the depression in the ground at Sixteenth street and Piney Branch of about four and a half acres, which it was desired under the bill to acquire, as "a hole in the ground," and he said he was opposed to throwing money into holes in the ground.

Several other street extension and minor bills were passed. Among these were a measure to prepare a new high-ways plan for the streets and land lying between Georgia avenue on the east, Sixteenth street on the west, Kalmia street on the north, and Butternut street on the south. Mr. Cox explained that the object of this bill is to provide for the abandonment as a highway of North Dakota avenue between these limits.

### Now McPherson Place.

The House also passed the bill to change the name of the west side of Fifteenth street northwest, between I and K, to McPherson place. Under this bill the street on the east side of McPherson square will be known as Fifteenth street and on the east side as McPherson place. Under H. R. 13156, passed yesterday, the recorder of deeds of the District is directed to keep an index to recorded instruments by lots or tracts. This is intended to promote accuracy in searching titles.

The Commissioners' bill to acquire land in the vicinity of the Connecticut avenue bridge was also passed. This bill was passed by the Senate on Monday and is for the purpose of extending Belmont road to Calvert street, to connect the extension with Waterside drive, as pre-

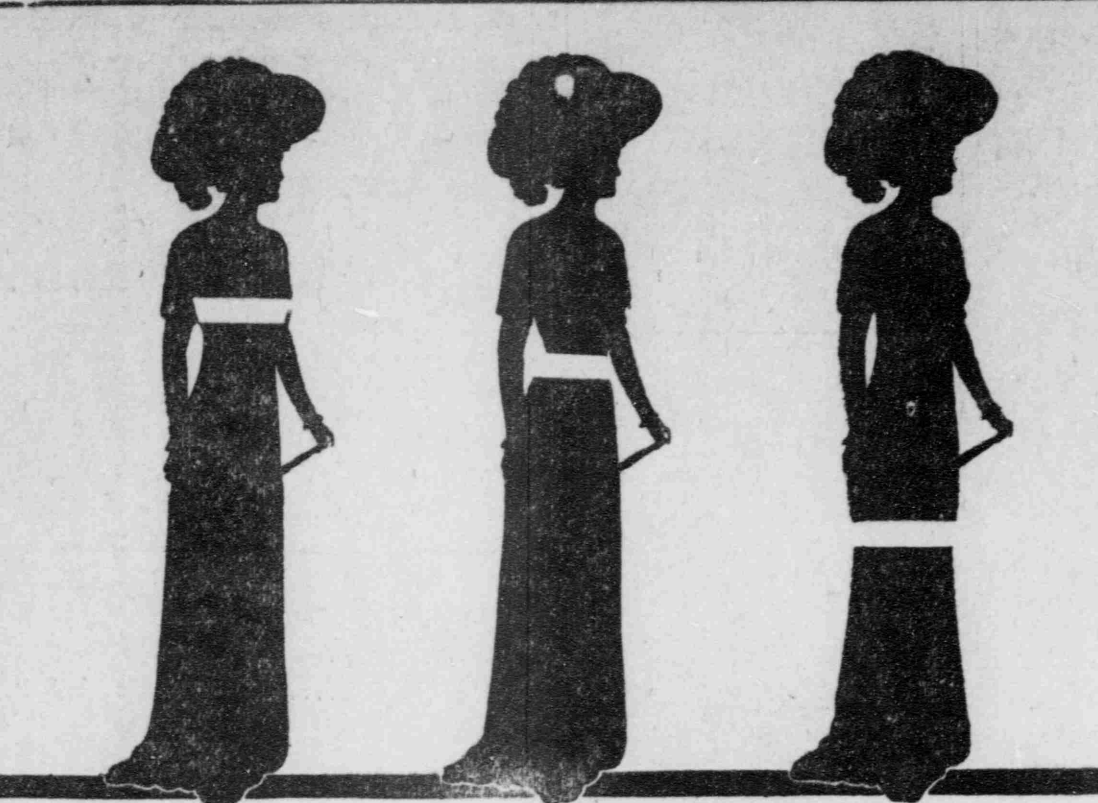
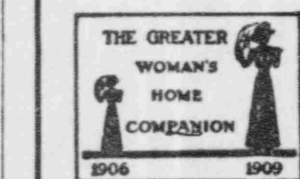
viously reported in The Washington Herald.

### Buildings Used by Uncle Sam

Representative Martin wants to know how many there are. Representative Martin, of South Dakota, introduced a bill yesterday requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to make to Congress a statement showing all lands and buildings and parts of buildings leased by the government in the District of Columbia.

### Hotels Get Health Bill.

The Moore Food Inquiry Committee devoted a little from the beaten path of investigation into prices yesterday. Lis-



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"Peary hasn't proved to my satisfaction," said one of these Democrats yesterday "that he discovered the pole. The National Geographic Society, which recognized him as the only genuine Simon pure discoverer, had its collective mind made up long before hand. I want to see some proofs. If anybody tries to hand Peary any governmental good things, you'll see the Democrats stand together to defeat the attempt."

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, which has under consideration the Butler bill, hasn't held a meeting on that subject as yet.

### PENSIONS FOR LIFE SAVERS.

Before Congress gets through the present session, it became known yesterday, it probably will have a chance to provide for the 4,000 or more members of the United States Life Saving Service. According to the plan as now outlined both pensions for life savers who are retired through disability and pensions for families of life savers who are killed in the performance of duty are contemplated.

At present the Life Saving Service is about the only "dangerous" department of the government which has no pension system. Senator Hale, of Maine, expressed himself recently as favoring pensions for life savers, although he is regarded as one of the leading advocates of economy.

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